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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1772

Application No.: 09/674,077

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For: INSERT-BONDED CYLINDRICAL ARTICLES, AND A MOLDING METHOD AND
A MOLDING APPARATUS THEREFOR TECHNICAL FIELD TO WHICH THE
INVENTION PERTAINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

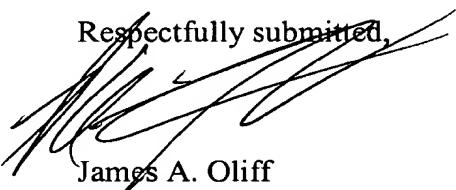
In reply to the October 1, 2002 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I,
claims 1-6 and 12-14, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-20 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of claims 1-6 and 12-14, directed to an insertion-bonded cylindrical article and a method for insertion-molding an insert-bonded cylindrical article, would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims 7-11 and 15-20, directed to an apparatus for molding an insertion-bonded cylindrical article. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to
Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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